TABLE 1-5--WORKSHEET FOR DETERMINING THE TAXABLE PORTION OF SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

1. Enter yearly Social Security benefits	
2. Multiply line 1 by 0.50	
3. Enter adjusted gross income plus tax-free interest	
4. Add line 2 and line 3	
5. Enter: \$25,000 if single or head of household; \$32,000 if married filing jointly; \$0 if married filing separately	
6. Subtract line 5 from line 4 (If result on line 6 is zero or	
a negative number, stop; no benefits are taxable.)	
7. Divide line 6 by 2	-
8. Enter smaller of amounts on line 2 or line 7	
9. Enter amount on line 4	
10. Enter: \$34,000 if single or head of household; \$44,000	
if married filing jointly; \$0 if married filing separately	_
11. Subtract line 10 from line 9	
12. Multiply line 11 by 0.85	
13. Enter smallest of: amount on line 8; \$4,500 if single or	
head of household; \$6,000 if married filing jointly; \$0 if	
married filing separately	
14. Add amounts on line 12 and line 13	
15. Multiply line 11 by 0.85	
16. Enter smaller of amounts on line 14 or line 15	
This is the total amount of benefits taxable.	

Source: Congressional Research Service.

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